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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following Japanese documents, which are also listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A&B.

Reference JP 09-309213 came to Applicants' attention in an Office Action in Japanese patent application no. 10-338011, which is a counterpart to this instant case. A copy of the Office Action together with an English language translation thereof is also submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

As a convenience, complete English machine translations and English abstracts of the Japanese references have been provided.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08A&B) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This application is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination, and so is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), and so no fee is due. If, however, the Commissioner deems any fee to be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee, as well as any other fees which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		<b>JP 09-309213</b>	<b>12-02-1997</b>	<b>Hewlett Packard</b>	<b>(w/ Engl. Trans.)</b>	
		<b>JP 07-234948</b>	<b>09-05-1995</b>	<b>NEC Corp.</b>	<b>(w/ Engl. Trans.)</b>	
		<b>JP 08-235851</b>	<b>09-13-1996</b>	SGS Thomson Microelectron	<b>(w/ Engl. Trans.)</b>	
		<b>JP 10-105454</b>	<b>04-24-1998</b>	<b>Sharp Corp.</b>	<b>(w/ Engl. Trans.)</b>	

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